

**Robert Orme to George Washington, March 2, 1755,
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FROM COLONEL ROBERT ORME.¹

WILLIAMSBERG. Mch. 2d. 1755.

SIR

The General having been inform'd that you exprest some desire to make the Campaigne, but that you declin'd it upon the disagreeableness that you thought might arise from the Regulation of Command. has order'd me to acquaint you that he will be very glad of your Company in his Family by which all Inconveniencies of that kind will be obviated.²

I shall think myself very happy to form an acquaintance with a person so universally esteem'd and shall use every opportunity of assuring you how much I am

Sir Your most obedt. Servant ROBT. ORME aid de Camp.

¹ Robert Orme, Esq., of the county of Devon, entered the army as an Ensign in the Thirty-fifth regiment of foot, and in 1745 exchanged into the Coldstream Guards, in which he became a Lieutenant, April 14, 1751; accompanying Braddock, he served as his aid-de-camp, and was wounded with him; returned to England the same year, and in October, 1756, resigned his comission, and married the Hon. Audrey Townshend, only daughter of Charles, Lord Viscount Townshend, sister of Lieutenant-Colonel Roger Townshend, who fell at Ticonderoga in 1759, and of George, afterwards first Marquis Townshend who succeeded General Wolfe at the capture of Quebec. Captain Orme was a faithful, brave, and capable officer, and left an interesting journal of Braddock's campaign, which was published by the Pennsylvania Historical Society in 1855, with a highly valuable introductory memoir by Winthrop Sargent, M. A.—BROCK.

² Since his resignation in October, Colonel Washington had remained inactive at Mount Vernon, and if he found it derogatory to his honor to hold a commission under Governor Dinwiddie's scheme of Independent companies,

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it could not be expected that he would subject himself to the humiliating terms of this order from the King. His passion for a military life, however, had not abated. General Braddock, knowing his value, and the importance of securing his services to the expedition, directed Mr. Orme, his aid-de-camp, to write to him proposing an expedient by which the chief obstacles would be removed.—SPARKS.